

November 21, 2014

Via Overnight Delivery

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Clerk South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Docket Nos. 88-627-C and 97-468-C

Business Telecom, LLC d/b/a EarthLink Business - Request for Name

Change

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Business Telecom, LLC d/b/a EarthLink Business (formerly known as Business Telecom, Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business) (the "Company") hereby notifies the Commission (1) that the Company converted from a North Carolina corporation to a North Carolina limited liability company and (2) of the resulting name change to "Business Telecom, LLC d/b/a EarthLink Business." The conversion of the Company to a limited liability company was merely a change in its corporate form accomplished through the filing of Articles of Conversion in North Carolina and did not entail any merger or other transactions interrupting the existence of the Company. The Company, therefore, requests that the records of the Commission, including the Company's Certificate, be updated to reflect its current name, "Business Telecom, LLC d/b/a EarthLink Business." Attached as Exhibit A are the Company's conversion documents, authority to transact business in South Carolina and service mark registration reflecting the Company's current name. Since the Company retained its service mark, which is the name known by its customers, the Company does not need to notify customers of the conversion and resulting change to its legal name. Upon request the Company will submit any required tariff filing(s) to reflect these changes.

The Company is authorized to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to certificates granted in Docket Nos. 88-627-C and 97-468-C

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An original and fifteen copies of this letter are enclosed for filing. Please date-stamp the extra copy and return in the envelope provided. Please contact me or Brett Ferenchak at 202-373-6697 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

Certificate of Conversion and Update Authorization to Transact Business

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION INCLUDING ARTICLES OF CONVERSION OF BUSINESS TELECOM, INC.

December 20, 2013

Pursuant to §§ 57C-2-21, 57C-9A-01 and 57C-9A-03 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned converting business entity does hereby submit these Articles of Organization including Articles of Conversion (the "Articles") for the purpose of forming a limited liability company.

- 1. The name of the limited liability company is "Business Telecom, LLC" (the "Company").
- 2. The Company is being formed pursuant to the conversion of another business entity.
- 3. The name of the converting business entity is "Business Tolecom, Inc," (the "Converting Corporation") and the organization and internal affairs of the Converting Corporation are governed by the laws of the state North Carolina.
- 4. A plan of conversion has been approved by the Converting Corporation as required by law.
- 5. There shall be no limit on the duration of the Company.
- 6. The name and address of the person executing these articles of organization is Samuei R.

 DeSimone, Jr., 1375 Peachtree Street, Level A, Atlanta, GA 30309, in his capacity as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of BTI Telecom Corp., a North Carolina corporation, the sole stockholder of the Converting Corporation (immediately prior to the conversion) and the sole member of the Company (immediately following the conversion.
 - 7. The name of the initial registered agent of the Company along with its street and mailing address and county is as follows:

National Registered Agents, Inc. 150 Fayetteville St. Box 1011 Raleigh, NC 27601

Wake County

8. The principal office telephone number, street and mailing address and county of the Company are as follows:

> (404) 815-0770 1375 Peachtree Street, Level A Atlanta, GA 30309 Fulton County

- The Company shall be managed by its Members and all members by virtue of their status as members shall be managers of this limited liability company.
- 10. These articles will be effective at 11:58 p.m. on December 31, 2013.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused these Articles to be executed by its authorized representative as of the day and year first above written as sole stockholder of the Converting Corporation (immediately prior to the conversion) and sole member of the Company (immediately following the conversion).

BTI TELECOM CORP., a North Carolina corporation

Name: Samuel R. DeSimone, Jr.

Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Scoretary

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The State of South Carolina



Office of Secretary of State Mark Hammond

Certificate of Authorization

I, Mark Hammond, Secretary of State of South Carolina Hereby certify that:

BUSINESS TELECOM, LLC, A Limited Liability Company duly organized under the laws of the State of NORTH CAROLINA, and issued a certificate of authority to transact business in South Carolina on January 18th, 1989, with a duration that is at will, has as of this date filed all reports due this office, paid all fees, taxes and penalties owed to the Secretary of State, that the Secretary of State has not mailed notice to the company that it is subject to being dissolved by administrative action pursuant to section 33-44-809 of the South Carolina Code, and that the company has not filed a certificate of cancellation as of the date hereof.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina this 7th day of February, 2014.

Mark Hammond, Secretary of State

The State of South Carolina

TRADEMARK REGISTRATION



SERVICE MARK REGISTRATION

Office of Secretary of State Mark Hammond I, Mark Hammond, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the following mark has been registered in this state according to the provisions of the South Carolina Code of Laws Section 39-15-1105 et seq. to:

> Business Telecom, LLC 1375 Peachtree Street, NE Atlanta, GA 30309

EarthLink Business

Description: The mark consists of the words "EarthLink Business"

Description of Telecommunications products and services

Goods or Services:

Class of Goods or Services: Service mark class(es) #4

Date of First Use: 12/8/2010 Date of First Use in South Carolina: 12/8/2010 Assignment Date: 3/25/2014 Expiration Date: 6/3/2016

If an Entity, Organized under the Laws of North Carolina

Given under my hand and Great Seal of the State of South Carolina on March 25, 2014

Certificate No.: 15332 - A16171